

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 21 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1165-0-01 (ACCNO 5815) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: VAN ARTSDALEN, CLIFFORD DALE Date Status assigned: 3 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O #
Grade	E4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	11861623	Height	64 in / 1.63 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	25 Dec 1949	Weight	110 lb / 49.8 kg	Duty pos	UNKNOWN
Home State	PENNSYLVANIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 49PBT074227
Lat/Long: 153359N / 1081618E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly):
Mission District: THANG BINH
Mission Date: 9 May 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, Dec 92
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

12 December 1975

ON 9 MAY 1968 SP4 CLIFFORD D. VAN ARTSDALEN WAS A MEMBER OF COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 20TH INFANTRY, AMERICAN DIVISION, ON A COMBAT OPERATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AT 1300 HOURS, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) BT 074 227, THE WEAPONS PLATOON ASSUMED A FRONT FIRING POSITION AND RECONNAISSANCE BY FIRE. SP4 VAN ARTSDALEN AND TWO OTHERS WERE SENT TO A POSITION TO PROVIDE A BASE OF FIRE. AT THAT TIME THE ENEMY RETURNED A HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE AND AN EXPLOSION WAS SEEN FROM THEIR POSITION, AND A HELMET WAS SEEN FLYING THROUGH THE AIR.

THE WEAPONS PLATOON SERGEANT NEAR THEIR POSITION SAW THAT SP4 VAN ARTSDALEN HAD BEEN HIT IN THE HEAD. TWO MEN WHO ATTEMPTED TO RECOVER HIS BODY WERE ALSO WOUNDED. BECAUSE OF HEAVY ENEMY FIRE, HIS REMAINS COULD NOT BE RETRIEVED. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. SP4 VAN ARTSDALEN IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

12 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, MQ USARV, W/EXHIBITS, 24 JUN 68. <2> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

18 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 1165 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECEMBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

8 October 1993

ON 15 SEP 93, IE3 TRAVELLED TO TIEN SON VILLAGE, TIEN PHUOC DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1165. IE3 INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1165. THE WITNESS STATED HE HEARD THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES BURIED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN THAT WAS LEFT ON THE BATTLEFIELD, BUT THE WITNESS DID NOT KNOW THE BURIAL LOCATION OR THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH THE BURIAL. THE WITNESS LED THE TEAM TO THE SITE OF THE BATTLE THAT HE RECALLED. THE LOCATION CORRELATES TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION MAINTAINED IN U.S. RECORDS. THE TEAM SEARCHED THE AREA BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR BURIAL SITES. VNOSMP OFFICIALS COULD NOT LOCATE ANY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO THIS CASE. (REF 2)



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NARRATIVE

ON 9 MAY 1968, SPECIALIST FOUR CLIFFORD D. VAN ARTSDALEN WAS ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES BT074227, APPROXIMATELY 23 KILOMETERS WEST OF TAM KY, 10 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF TIEN PHUOC AND 1 KILOMETER SOUTH OF PHU LAM (2), QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. SPECIALIST VAN ARTSDALEN WAS KILLED WHEN A PROBABLE RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUND HIT HIS POSITION. MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT ATTEMPTED TO RECOVER HIS BODY BUT WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL DUE TO THE INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: VAN ARTSDALEN, CLIFFORD DALE

RANK: SPECIALIST FOUR, U.S. ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.63 METERS

WEIGHT: 49.8 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: HAZEL

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Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 9 tháng 5 năm 1968, chuyên viên cấp 4 CLIFFORD D. VAN ARTSDALEN giao chiến với lực lượng đối phương trong phạm vi của tọa độ BT 074227, cách Tam Ky khoản 23 cây số về phía tây, cách Tiên Phước khoảng 10 cây số về phía tây bắc và cách Phu Lam (2) khoảng 10 cây số về phía nam, tỉnh Quảng Nam - Đà Nẵng. Chuyên viên cấp 4 VAN ARTSDALEN bị giết có lẽ từ đạn súng không giật. Những lính của đơn vị của anh ta cố gắng thu hồi xác chết anh ta mà bị thất bại vì hỏa lực đối phương nặng.

Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên: VAN ARTSDALEN, CLIFFORD DALE

Cấp bậc: Chuyên viên cấp 4, Lục Quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: DATA

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 thước 63

Cân nặng: 49 kí 8

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Nâu lục

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REFNO: 1167-0-01 (ACCNO 0219)
Name: PERRY, THOMAS HEPBURN

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 15 May 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	E4	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	19 Jun 1942	Weight	155 lb / 70.2 kg	Duty pos	MEDIC
Home State	CONNECTICUT	Religion	\$	PW Camp	\$

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Military Region: 1
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Mission District: PHUOC SON
Mission Date: 10 May 1968
Mission Category: 3
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